

REPORT OF ATTACK ON U-BOATShip *RUSHEN CASTLE* Date *14/12/44* Time of sighting or 1st contact *2020*Lat *52.36.30N* Long *05.14.00W* Depth of Water *45-48 FTHMS* Duty *CLOSE ESCORT***DETECTING DEVICES FITTED:-**R.D.F. type(s) *272 P.* H/F D/F Type *F.H.3.*Asdic Type *145Q.* Frequency *F.* E/S Type *761.***A/S WEAPONS FITTED:-**Ahead throwing weapon *SQUID SINGLE M^G**5 CHARGE (FITTED)* charge pattern.**INSTRUCTIONS**

- All times to be G.M.T.
- When data is not known accurately leave a blank in the appropriate space or indicate that information is approximate.
- Underline the appropriate entry in this report wherever suitable.

A. WARNING OF U-BOAT'S PRESENCE

- H/F D/F
- Ships torpedoed
- Torpedo tracks
- H.E.
- Aircraft sighting Report
- Time

B. NATURE OF INITIAL CONTACT

- R.D.F.
- Sighting
- Asdic *CONTACT*
- Time *2020*
- Range *1400^x* Bearing *190°*
- Obtained by *H. COLLINGE*
Rating *AB. S.D.* O.N. *0/JX226819*

C. AT TIME OF INITIAL CONTACT

- Course *180°* Speed *9 KTS.* of ship.
- Course *027°* Speed *7½ KTS.* of convoy or other unit screened.
- Range *12 MLS APPROX* Bearing *025° APPROX* from convoy or other unit screened.
- Wind *NNW* Force *2.* Sea and swell *12.* A U-boat visible at _____ miles.

D. ATTACK ON SUBMERGED U-BOAT

- U-boat dived at _____ bearing _____ range _____
- At this time U-boat was estimated, visually, by R.D.F., to be steering _____ speed _____
- Asdic contact obtained at *1400* yards.

E. DETAILS OF ATTACKS

- | | <i>1st Attack</i> | <i>2nd Attack</i> | <i>3rd Attack</i> | <i>4th Attack</i> | <i>5th Attack</i> |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Time <i>OF FIRING</i> | <i>2028</i> | <i>2056½</i> | <i>2131</i> | | |
| 2. Weapon used (include type of pistol and explosive) | <i>SQUID MK1</i> | - | - | | |
| 3. Reason for choice | | | | | |
| 4. Echo pitch | <i>SAME</i> | <i>SAME</i> | <i>SAME</i> | | |
| 5. H.E. or other noises | <i>NIL</i> | <i>NIL</i> | <i>NIL</i> | | |
| 6. Apparent movement of target | <i>STEADY</i> | <i>STEADY</i> | <i>STEADY</i> | | |
| 7. Depth of target (state whether estimated or measured) | <i>250 F ESTIMATED</i> | <i>280 F ESTIMATED</i> | <i>280 F ESTIMATED</i> | | |

DETAILS OF ATTACKS (contd.)		<i>1st Attack</i>	<i>2nd Attack</i>	<i>3rd Attack</i>	<i>4th Attack</i>	<i>5th Attack</i>
8.	Attacking Speed	<i>8</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>7</i>		
9.	Rate of approach	<i>8</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>7</i>		
10.	Range of losing contact	<i>Not lost</i>	<i>Not lost</i>	<i>Not lost</i>		
11.	Other ships in contact	<i>HOSTE</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>BALFOUR</i>		
12.	Time to fire obtained by	<i>RECORDER. 393*</i>				
13.	Attacks with non-contact charges	number of depth charges fired/dropped	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	
		Depth Settings	<i>240 ft</i>	<i>280 ft</i>	<i>280 ft</i>	
		Did bombs explode	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	
14.	Attacks with contact charges	If so:- Interval bombs fired to first explosion	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>14</i>	
		No. of explosions	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	
15.	Failures (State reason if known)	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>		
16.	Result of attack	<i>(NOT KNOWN) NO DEFINITE EVIDENCE</i>				

F. ATTACK ON SURFACED U-BOAT

1. Weapon(s) used	6. No. of hits and position
2. Range on opening fire	7. Hits were seen to, burst, penetrate
3. Range obtained by, estimation, -rangefinder, -R.D.F.	8. Illumination used
4. Type of shell and fuse	9. With what effect?
5. Number of rounds fired	10. Result of attack

G. COMMANDING OFFICER'S ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGE

THE CONTACT HAD BEEN WELL BATTERED BY THE TIME WE GAINED CONTACT AND IF A "U" BOAT WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE BEEN A **BOTTOMED WRECK**. E/S TRACE SHOWS THAT THERE IS SOMETHING ON THE **BOTTOM**, AND THERE ARE NO CHARTED WRECKS IN THAT POSITION.

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H. BRIEF NARRATIVE (To be forwarded on a separate sheet)

Include, where applicable, remarks under the following headings:-

1. Asdic conditions, including prevalence of non-subs.	<i>GOOD. SEVERAL NON SUBS WERE CONTACTED.</i>
2. Anti-Asdic tactics	<i>2. 3. USED LATTER STAGES OF</i>
3. Use made of Echo Sounding Set	
4. Reason for abandoning hunt	<i>ATTACK, TRACE</i>
5. Evidence of damage	
6. Description of U-Boat	
7. Mistakes made	<i>OBTAINED.</i>
8. Lessons learnt	
9. Suggestions	

8. LESSONS LEARNT

WHILE IN COASTAL WATERS THE A.R.L PLOT IS RUN ON THE WRECK CHART FOR THE AREA. THIS GIVES THE O.O.W. & A/S OPERATORS QUICK REFERENCE TO THE "NON SUB" SITUATION AT ANY TIME. OUR PLOT IS ADJACENT TO THE A/S & OPERATORS CAN EASILY LOOK AT THE CHART TO SEE WHEN WRECKS MAY BE EXPECTED.